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Plague rumored in Jiddah and Mecca.

[Cablegram.]

PARIS, FRANCE, *June 9, 1897.*

SIR : Plague rumored in Jiddah and Mecca.

GEDDINGS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

Yellow fever on the steamship Colon, en route from Panama.

ANGEL ISLAND, CAL., *May 29, 1897.*

SIR: I have the honor to confirm my telegram of the 26th instant, concerning yellow fever on the steamer *Colon*, from Panama, via La Libertad, Acajatha, San Jose de Guat, Champerico, Ocos and Acapulco, and report now the facts more in detail.

Upon the bill of health from Panama our consul noted "several cases of yellow fever, but no statistics as to actual number." Three of the passengers sickened with fever and died shortly after leaving Panama. The ship's doctor gave the following account:

Case 1.—Gustave Benderel, 75 years old, native of Switzerland; embarked at Panama; was taken sick two days out with fever, chill, and albumin in the urine; died in five days; diagnosis, pernicious fever complicated with Bright's disease.

Case 2.—Fiedez Piege, 13 years old, native of Chile; embarked at Panama; sickened about the second day out with fever, vomiting, and albumin in the urine; died in six days; diagnosis, pernicious malarial fever.

Case 3.—J. T. Bennett, 35 years old; born in the United States. This man was refused passage at Panama upon the advice of the ship's sur-